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SUBJECT: ASSOCIATED PRESS STORY ON A-7 AIRCRAFT FOR PAK-
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1. AP WIRE JUNE 2 CARRIED FOLLOWING ITEM: QUOTE:

THE CARTER ADMINISTRATION HAS DECIDED NOT TO ALLOW A
PROPOSED SALE OF 110 U.S.-BUILT A-7 FIGHTER PLANES TO
PAKISTAN, INFORMED SOURCES SAID TODAY.

THE SALE WAS DISALLOWED ON THE BASIS OF PRESIDENT CARTER'S
NEW ARMS CONTROL POLICY, THEY SAID.

LTV CORPORATION, WHICH BUILDS THE A-7 IN GRAND PRAIRIE,
TEXAS, HAS BEEN SEEKING GOVERNMENT APPROVAL FOR THE DOLS
700 MILLION SALE FOR A YEAR.

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BUT STATE DEPARTMENT SOURCES SUGGESTED THAT THE SALE WAS
DISAPPROVED FOR TWO REASONS: THE ADDITION OF THE A-7
PLANE TO THE PAKISTANI AIR FORCE WOULD BE SEEN, PARTICULARLY BY INDIA, AS A DISRUPTION OF THE BALANCE OF POWER
ON THE SUBCONTINENT; ADDITIONALLY, THE PLANE WOULD SIGNIFICANTLY IMPROVE THE SOPHISTICATION OF PAKISTAN'S ARMED

FORCES, WHICH CARTER HAS SAID HIS POLICY IS SUPPOSED TO PREVENT.

THE SOURCES SAID THAT ANOTHER CONTROVERSIAL SALE PROPOSAL FOR 250 F18L PLANES TO IRAN BY THE NORTHROP CORPORATION MAY ALSO BE JEOPARDIZED BY THE SAME POLICY. BUT THEY SAID NO FINAL DECISION HAS BEEN MADE. END QUOTE.

2. AS WITH UPI STORY TRANSMITTED SEPTTEL, DEPARTMENT PLANS TO MAKE NO COMMENT. VANCE

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